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## Parents Feel 'Comfortable' With Babyland

### At Babyland Both Minds and Bodies are Challenged and Cared For

Through the doors of Babyland Nursery each day come parents from varied backgrounds, but with one common denominator — the daily need for child care.

These parents are very concerned about the kind of child care which the little ones precious to them receive, and this is why they are at Babyland.

Some are single parents, some parents are still students, some are professionals but all need peace of mind concerning their children's care in order to do their jobs properly.

We interviewed four of these parents recently to get their impressions of Babyland, and the one thing each mentioned (the interviews were done separately), was how *comfortable* they felt at Babyland.

The day begins earliest for Jane Paul, who arises at 5:30 a.m. to prepare herself for work and sons Justin, four and a half years and Jarrod, one and a half years for their day at Babyland. The trip from her home in Bloomfield takes 30 minutes, so the three commuters leave for Babyland at 6:45 a.m. Children do

not move quickly, noted Ms. Paul, so she is thankful that when they arrive at Babyland at 7:15 they will be able to have a relaxed, hot breakfast, and a midmorning snack. In the previous day care center (which was more expensive) they had to have breakfast before arriving, and she had to pack their lunch. "There are only so many things you can put in a lunch box," she commented. Here, all she has to bring is diapers. Even the babyfood is prepared in Babyland's own kitchen.

Jarrod, the youngest, is also allergic to milk, so Babyland provided special soy formula for him and his meals are now rearranged if anything in the day's menu contains milk. Recently, a cheese casserole was eliminated and an alternative provided, with extra vegetables added to keep his meal balanced.

The individual attention means a lot to this single parent. "I couldn't do well in my job, I couldn't do well in school, if for nine hours of the day I was worrying about the kids," she said emphatically. "They're so good

(the Babyland staff). When you figure I have the children for an hour in the morning and maybe 2½ hours in the evening before they go to bed, five days a week, and Babyland has them the rest of the time, they *have* to do a good job. I feel very confident with them." Justin will be entering Kindergarten at Babyland in September.

At the present Jane is living with her parents, who babysit after she tucks the two children into bed after baths and dinner. She can then go off to her evening classes at Montclair State College, where she is working toward a degree in business accounting. Jane enjoys school, even though today she sees it as more than pure education, as she did when in high school. Now she sees it as her vehicle for getting a better job which pays more money than her present one, enabling her to retain her independence from her parents, "who have been marvelous." They lend stability, routine and security which the children need. College also provides Janes with her only social life at this point.

The open house held recently by Babyland was welcomed by Ms. Paul and fit into her between semester schedule well. "I was made to feel very secure," she told us. "I had questions and they were just open and honest, and they really took time out to discuss things, to explain things."

When she picks the children up after work they have had their naps and snacks, and are ready to pleasantly share their time with their mother. "It's great for my children," said Jane happily.

Single parent Veronica Salmon lives and works in Newark and brings her son Everoy, 5 years old, to Babyland each day.

Everoy started at Babyland when it was just a mini-center on Humbolt Street, but was home with his mother for a while after that, while she was unable to work. Then he went to another day care center, until Veronica was able to send him to Babyland again.

Reflecting on the time he spent in the other center, his mother said he was a different child. He did not learn anything and was bored. When he went to Babyland he had come home singing and dancing — but that



James Chavius with Xiomara

stopped when he changed centers. She couldn't wait to see him back in Babyland. Although she admits it is not easy to pay the monthly fee, she feels it is worth the extra effort to manage it. Ms. Salmon not only holds down a full time job as office manager in Newark but works part time several nights a week and Saturday as well. Everoy is able to accompany her on Saturdays.

Squeezed into this busy schedule are classes in business management at Essex County College, where she is in her second year.

"I couldn't have a full time job and manage college without Babyland," the hardworking mother admits. She finds even the kitchen helpers give Everoy personal attention. Sometimes he eats breakfast at home with his mother, in which case they offer him juice on arrival, or if he has not, french toast might be on the morning's menu. She leaves for work knowing he is with people who care about him.

Her son is a bright youngster and Veronica feels he is developing well

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## Archbishop Tours NCC



Archbishop Gerety greets one of the tiny Babyland charges in arms of caregiver, as Ms. Mary Smith, Executive Director, looks on. Bishop recently toured not only Babyland but all of New Community including the new St. Joseph Plaza.



## NCC ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR CONDOMINIUM TOWNHOUSES

NCC is working on the development of a fifty-two (52) unit residential condominium townhouse development to be located on a site adjacent to our primary redevelopment area in Newark's Central Ward.

The proposed project, to be known as **New Community Estates**, will consist of twenty-six (26) two-bedroom units and twenty-six (26) three-bedroom units. The units will be two-story attached townhouses with living space on the first floor and bedrooms on the second floor.

The units will sell for an average

price of approximately \$42,500.00. The model units are expected to be completed and ready for viewing late this Summer.

Permanent mortgage money at 11% for 30 years will be available for qualified buyers.

The average down payment and closing costs will be approximately six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00).

The average monthly carrying costs (mortgage payment, real estate taxes, insurance and common area charges) will be approximately \$525.00. This figure **does not include** utility costs

which will also have to be paid by each owner.

A minimum annual gross income of approximately \$22,000.00 will be necessary to qualify for the mortgage loan.

NCC wishes to compile a list of families and individuals who might be interested in purchasing one of these townhouses. If you are interested, **WRITE** to:

Condominium Townhouses  
c/o New Community Corporation  
755 South Orange Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey 07106

Your **letter** should include the following **information**:

Name  
Address  
Telephone number (where you can be reached during the day)  
Number of family members  
Employer  
1983 gross income

All information will be kept strictly confidential.

(NOTE: This is not an offering which can be made only by a Public Offering Statement which is not yet available).

## The Public Servant

*The following is a public statement by the members of the Board of Trustees of New Community Corporation:*

The centuries-old debate about the proper role of government in our democratic society rages on.

In 1844, Emerson wrote that "the less government we have, the better." Almost one hundred years later, Herbert Hoover, in the midst of the Great Depression, said: "The sole function of government is to bring about a condition of affairs favorable to the beneficial development of private enterprise." Sentiments of this nature are quite popular these days.

On the other hand, Macaulay argued that the best government "desires to make the people happy and knows how to make them happy." Woodrow Wilson would not have agreed with Hoover because Wilson envisioned a far greater role for government. Wilson claimed that "without the watchful interference, the resolute interference of the government, there can be no fair play."

This debate has no end. For the truth of the matter is that both of these perspectives serve a function in preserving the health of our nation. Emerson, himself, eventually acknowledged that "it may be safely affirmed of these two metaphysical antagonists that each is a good half, but an impossible whole. Each exposes the abuses of the other, but in a true society, in a true man, both must combine."

Government is here to stay. It will continue to play a major role in our lives. It will continue to be an important element in the complex network of interdependent persons and institutions which characterizes our society. We cannot turn back the clock. We cannot expect to return to a less complex, less troubled time. We must learn to cope with what is and prepare ourselves for what we think lies ahead.

Today, there is a growing recognition that the resolution of our na-

tion's many problems requires a concerted effort on the part of all the major players. There is much talk about the need for partnerships among 1. government, 2. business and 3. non-profit neighborhood organizations like New Community. Our society is too complex, our problems too large for any one of these players to go it alone.

Government plays a key role in the partnership. It must use its great powers to bring peoples and institutions together to work for the common good. It must be a planner, a facilitator, a vehicle. Society won't work well if the government doesn't work well.

A trustee is a person to whom another's affairs are assigned for safekeeping. In 1829, Henry Clay gave a speech at Ashland, Kentucky in which he stated that "government is a trust and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people."

Our society needs a government that works well. Our governments — national, state, county and municipal — need employees who work well. Our government employees — our public servants — have been assigned the sacred trust of our nation's well-being. We expect them to take this responsibility seriously. We expect them to work hard and work well for the common good.

A trustee is accountable to the person whose affairs the trustee oversees. Our trustees — our public servants — are accountable to us. It is our responsibility as citizens of a democratic society to make sure that our public servants take their responsibilities seriously. It is our duty to make sure that our public servants are working hard and well for the common good. If we are pleased with their performance, they deserve our support and confidence. If we find their performance to be unsatisfactory, then it is our duty to see that they are removed from their positions of trust.

## Clarion Sets Goals

The New Community Clarion is now distributing 5,000 Clarions a month. Our two year goal is to increase this circulation to 10,000 Clarions each month.

With the opening of St. Joseph Plaza in the fall the people using these facilities will be included in our distribution, as will the patients

and visitors to the NC Extended Care Facility which will open next year.

The use of advertisements is also being considered for future editions.

We will continue to be alert for ways in which to better serve the community.

## Grant Jumps New Community Job Creation Potential

New Community announced the award of a \$50,000 grant from the Victoria Foundation to enable New Community to enlarge its efforts to develop new permanent jobs in the Central Ward of Newark. According to Mr. Arthur Wilson, President of NCC, the original plan called for the creation of 450 new jobs in a two year period. This grant from Victoria Foundation will support additional assistance to expand this goal to a total of 750 new jobs over a three year period. Mr. Wilson added that the best feature of this job creation program is that it will be almost entirely located in the Central Ward of Newark, where the jobs are most desperately needed.

The Victoria Foundation financially assisted New Community during the early years. The funds were used some eight years to pay some of the costs when NCC hired the first full time staff person. Now, in addition to the creation of the 750 new jobs, NCC will seek to develop twenty new minority businesses or assist already existing but financially

marginal minority businesses to become successful in the same three year period.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that many minority businesses are in poor locations, with facilities which are not as attractive as they could be if they had some assistance. Some of the locations lack enough pedestrian traffic, security and other supportive services.

The first phase of the economic development program saw the construction of St. Joseph Plaza, due to open in September, the beginning of the construction of a ten million dollar Extended Care Facility, and soon a 53,000 sq. foot shopping mall with a 41,000 sq. foot shopping market. The New Community goal is to create jobs and assist commercial development, so that people who live in a community can spend their money in the same community, thus creating additional local jobs and contributing to the general economic vitality of the neighborhood.

## Douglass-Harrison Has Record Turnout for Primary Elections

Of 696 Registered voters, 412 voters or 60% went to the Polls on June 5th, which set a record in our district. This also compares creditably to an estimated 24% statewide. Despite the long distance to Quitman Street School several blocks away the senior citizens were the first out to vote. They walked together, and many who still drive took car loads. Many others were brought by relatives and neighbors. They came regardless of the 90 degree temperature reached that day. Later, during the afternoon and evening the working residents came to the polls.

We experienced a trauma during the height of the voting day; the green slips for the Democratic voters ran out. People were in line, shocked that such a thing could happen. Many people got disgusted and went home; others stayed, because they felt that it was a ploy to discourage voters.

After several calls to the State Attorney General's office and the Voting Commission, District Leader Muriel Hodge went to a long time community resident and an avid scholar of voting rights, Lorraine Hayes. She, along with Assemblyman Eugene Thompson, went to the Voting Commissioner's office and Lorraine returned with enough green

books for all of Newark. It was a bittersweet experience to think that in an election as important as this such a thing could happen; especially when we later learned that it was taking place at several other polling sites in Newark as well. It is wonderful however, to have the Lorraine Hayes' and others who know where to go and what to do, to get things done.

## THE NEW COMMUNITY CLARION

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## New Phone System In Research Stage

A new phone system is just around the corner for New Community Corporation. The phone system is targeted to be implemented by the opening of St. Joseph Plaza. In addition to servicing the NCC main office at St. Joseph's it will tie together the management, maintenance, social service and security offices.

The goal is to effect efficient and convenient communication within and beyond the corporation boundaries. Several options exist; one is an outright purchase of a PABX (Private Automatic Branch Exchange). Many companies such as Northern Telecom, GTE and Mitel are selling a variety of PABX's. Similarly ATT will lease a PABX to customers. Another option is the leasing of enhanced communication equipment from Bell of New Jersey, utilizing their switching equipment. An evaluation of these options is presently being conducted to determine the best option for NCC.

The latest phone equipment has many sophisticated features. One feature of interest is conference calling, the ability to link different phones from different buildings into the same conversation. Another feature is speed dialing; you can reach your most frequently dialed numbers simply by dialing a preset code. Call forward gives you the ability to have your phone calls ring at

another phone. If you were going to be in another building for the day for instance, you could have your calls automatically forwarded there.

In addition to these convenience features, there are several cost saving features. Since many of the facilities would be networked under one "umbrellaed" system, we would expect a drop in message unit costs. Many systems have an optional automatic route selection. The switch then examines outgoing calls and automatically selects the most economical route for completing calls. In addition all switches gives details on each long distance call made and can be programmed to provide restrictions.

In the future this communication system could interface with Babyland Nurseries and the Extended Care Facility. Additional lines will be added to carry data to and from each location included in the network. We look forward to more efficient and convenient communication to service today's needs and the needs of the future.

Jim Rohrman

***The heaviest load you can carry is a chip on your shoulder.***

## Computer Facility Plans Moving Along

The move towards a computer facility for New Community Corporation has reached an important stage. Presently several proposals for hardware and software are being evaluated. Simultaneously several personal computers are being evaluated as they perform specific functions for the organization.

The list of suitable vendors has been trimmed from sixteen to only five. As the evaluation deepens, the list of qualified vendors is reduced. Due to diversity of our needs, several alternative solutions have been presented. The goal of final evaluation is to weigh the benefits and deficiencies of each proposal, and choose

the one that best suits our needs. Once a proposal is chosen, then action must be taken to correct any of its existing deficiencies. Important in this decision is the ability to accommodate a dynamic and growing organization.

In order to address some short-term demands for processing, NCC has purchased an IBM personal computer. This personal computer (PC) is used by the Finance Department to supplement their Automatic Data Processing services. An order has also been placed for another IBM PC, this one to be used in the management office. The computer will run a program called Micro-Hud. The program will enable NCC to perform HUD certifications more efficiently and produce various HUD reports. Babyland as well has begun to computerize its records of infants and preschool children in their day care facilities. Using a data base manager, Soledad Alston will track records of Babyland children.

With the help of the Center for Information Age Technology (CIAT) at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, a one day computer concepts seminar is being presented to employees of the New Community network. CIAT has also offered their ongoing support and expertise in technology as a resource to NCC.

The situations that are presently being addressed by the use of personal computers will later be integrated into the central computer facility. In this way, we can accommodate some needs immediately, yet still be effective in the long run.

Jim Rohrman

## Thermal Imaging Course To Increase NC Maintenance Effectiveness

On May 15th through 18th, Rich and Jim Rohrman attended the intensive course on Thermal Imaging at The Infrascpection Institute in Shelburne, Vermont. The Infrascpection Institute is the only comprehensive training facility in the United States on this relatively new technology, drawing students from all over the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. Rich and Jim are now part of a group of certified thermographers numbering less than 1200.

Most objects will absorb heat from their surroundings and radiate that absorbed heat when the objects' surroundings are cool. Most objects will also transmit heat. This heat is radiated in the form of infrared energy. Infrared imaging equipment such as the AGA 110 system purchased by New Community, allows us to see the heat which is normally invisible to the naked eye. The Infrascpection Institute teaches students how to interpret what is seen, through the use of such equipment, and draw conclusions from the image.

Water is an excellent transmitter of heat. If we were to go up on a leaking flat insulated roof on a heated building on a cold night in winter, we could detect where the roof is leaking, with our AGA 110. The heat from the building interior would be transmitted to the roof through the moisture in the insulation. We would detect that heat with our Thermal Imaging Equipment enabling us to replace on-

ly the areas of a roof that are defective.

In a Boiler Room, we can detect excessive heat given off by faulty motor bearings before they fail completely. Pipe and boiler insulation can also be checked. Faulty or loose electrical connections also give off excessive heat, allowing us to detect these problems before they can cause interruption of power.

Thermal Imaging allows us to spot missing or poor installation of insulation in buildings, for quality control purposes. We can also "see" air leakage through doors and windows.

New Community maintenance plans to use this newly gained knowledge and equipment as part of our developing computerized preventative maintenance program. The combination of infrared and computer technology will give us a state of the art preventative maintenance and quality control program.

Rich Rohrman

## Credit Union Grant

Mrs. Mary Smith, Treasurer of New Community, announced the approval of a \$25,000 grant by The Fund for New Jersey to assist in the development phase of a Community Development Credit Union.

Credit Unions are among the fastest growing financial institutions in the country. Mrs. Smith stated that there is good reason for this growth. "There is increasingly the realization of the need for a neighborhood to have community-owned and operated financial institutions. A neighborhood credit union can blunt the outflow of cash from a neighborhood and improve the quality of life where people live, work, worship and raise their families."

A Community Development Credit Union can accept non-member deposits which can be insured. Together with member deposited funds, the CDCU can coordinate economic development in the community. Mrs. Smith pointed out that a study of poverty communities in Chicago indicated that only 5 cents of every \$10 in savings is returned to the communities in home mortgages. In contrast, the total dollar amount of loans to affluent areas is 1½ times greater than their total savings according to the Washington based National Center for Urban Ethnic Affairs.

The CDCU is also a neighborhood institution. It is cooperative based on the one-member, single vote principle. Further, the CDCU will engage in adult education, so that members will learn about interest rates, credit data, and other forms of financial management.

It is estimated that it will take two years to form the Neighborhood Community Development Credit Union. New Community is presently seeking additional sources of funding to support the developmental phase of the Credit Union and also to assist in the expansion of all economic development activities.



**ELEVATOR INSTALLED.** The latest progress at St. Joseph Plaza is the installation of the new elevator. It has wide double doors to enable a wheelchair to enter easily and a beautiful paneled wood exterior with glass windows which enable you to see a breathtaking view as you go up and down.



## Open House at Babyland III

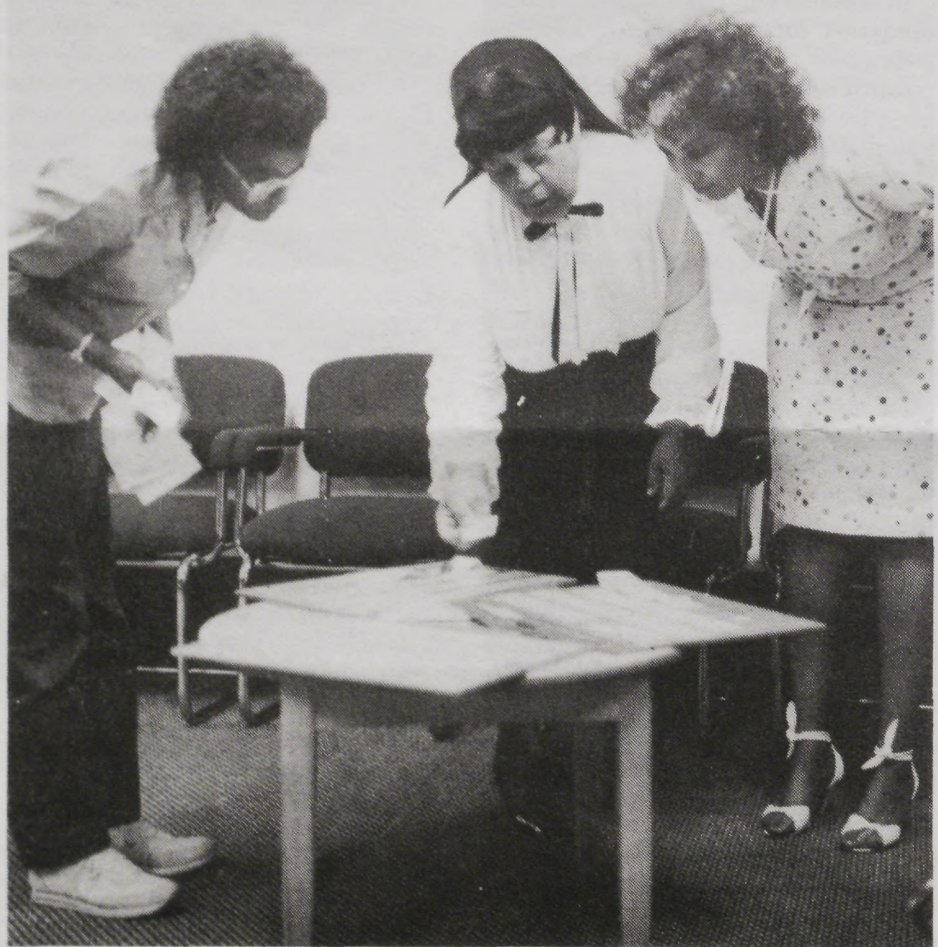
During the month of June, members of Babyland Nursery's Board of Directors, administrative team, and teaching staff conducted five Open House sessions for parents of children enrolled at Babyland III. The five events accommodated parents of 190 children ages 2½ months to five years. While enjoying sandwiches and refreshments parents and staff discussed the individual child's social and emotional behavior, along with the child's physical development. At the same time, administrators and Board Members

shared with parents, the Agency's goals and objectives for the various components of the day care program. For the younger children, those in attendance had an opportunity to review daily report charts; for the older children, art and science projects were observed. For example, in art, the children are learning to make flowers, weave, and mix primary colors; in science, they are planting seeds and observing plant growth.

The Open House concept met with the approval of all in attendance and is expected to become a regular event.



**GETTING TO KNOW YOU.** At "Open House" recently held at Babyland Nursery III where parents met with staff, Madge Wilson a board member of Babyland (at right) greets one of the youngsters and his mother. Looking on in rear is Sister Clare Terrance.



**THE KEY IS EDUCATION.** Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, OSP, Education Consultant for Babyland Nursery shows visiting parents at recent "Open House" educational material she uses for the training of youngsters at Babyland.

## Art In The Nursery-Preschool

(continued from last month)

### Three Developmental Stages in Artistic Growth

It is often stated that scribbling is to writing as babbling is to talking. *The scribble stage* is enjoyed by most children from one to two years of age. During this stage, it is the *process*, not the product which is important — The child gains pleasure from the motor activity involved in the marking and the feeling of autonomy that occurs when he/she is able to do this. He practices and refines basic lines and shapes which are necessary for later drawing and writing.

During this stage the crayon is held in the fist. As control increases, adjustments will be made to meet perceptual needs. Remember, a child's normal marking development will be crippled if an attempt is made to "train" him to hold a crayon "properly" and to imitate adult drawings. He will also become frustrated as a result of this.

Eventually, basic forms evolve from scribbles. At this level of development, namely *the basic forms stage*, the three or four-year-old gains control over his lines and is able to repeat them. At this point painstaking practice ensues.

Remember, it is the process and not the product that counts. The child's goals are to increase eye-hand coordination, gain control of the medium

and experience pleasure through art.

There is much overlapping which occurs from stage to stage. Occasionally, children at the basic forms stage will scribble.

In the *pictorial stage*, five and six-year-old children begin to "name" their drawings. At this time they produce variations on the forms used in the previous stage in order to give them a more representational appearance.

The size of the figure and the amount of detail included in each drawing are influenced by two important factors: experience with the object and the importance of the object to the child. For example, in a portrait of some friends and a pet, the latter may appear much larger than the friends. This will occur not because the child thinks that the pet is larger, but because at the moment, it is more important.

Finally, let us remember that artistic ability is dependent on the child's level of mental and physical maturity and on the quality of his experiences. Parents can stimulate curiosity and provide encouragement. If this is done it will help our children in the development of good feelings about themselves and their artistic abilities.

Sister Marie Infanta Gonzales, OSP  
Education Consultant

## Enrichment Program At Babyland Nursery, Inc.



**A SUMMER OF FUN.** The planning committee for the Babyland summer enrichment program preparing to make this season a great one. Left to right, Gabriel Musilu program coordinator, with his staff Margo Cruz, Diane Jones, Natalie Brown and Carol Richards.

Babyland Nursery, Inc. will be sponsoring a Summer Enrichment Program, designed for children of ages 5-13 years. The program commences June 25th and will end August 31st, 1984.

The program has been designed to introduce to the children skills which are necessary for their future success, and skills that will provide a better understanding of the environment in which they live, and of their community. The program will also be able to prepare children for the next year's level (class) to which they have been promoted.

In the program we expect children varying widely in ages, background and experience to bring to the program a great wealth of personal wisdom, and motivation. These strengths will help children to acquire the skills they need, and also the skills they may have missed, in their classrooms, homes and other previous environments to which they have been exposed.

The activities will include: sewing, cooking, math, English, computer studies, ceramics, trips, horseback

riding, arts and crafts, swimming, etc. We expect the experiences offered to expand both the academic and cultural knowledge of the young participants.

Children will be taken to the New West Wind Stables in Pompton Plains. There they will learn how to ride horses, with the support of teachers provided by West Wind Stables. This will be done once every week for a few weeks. After the children finish this training we expect them to have become acquainted with the equine environment.

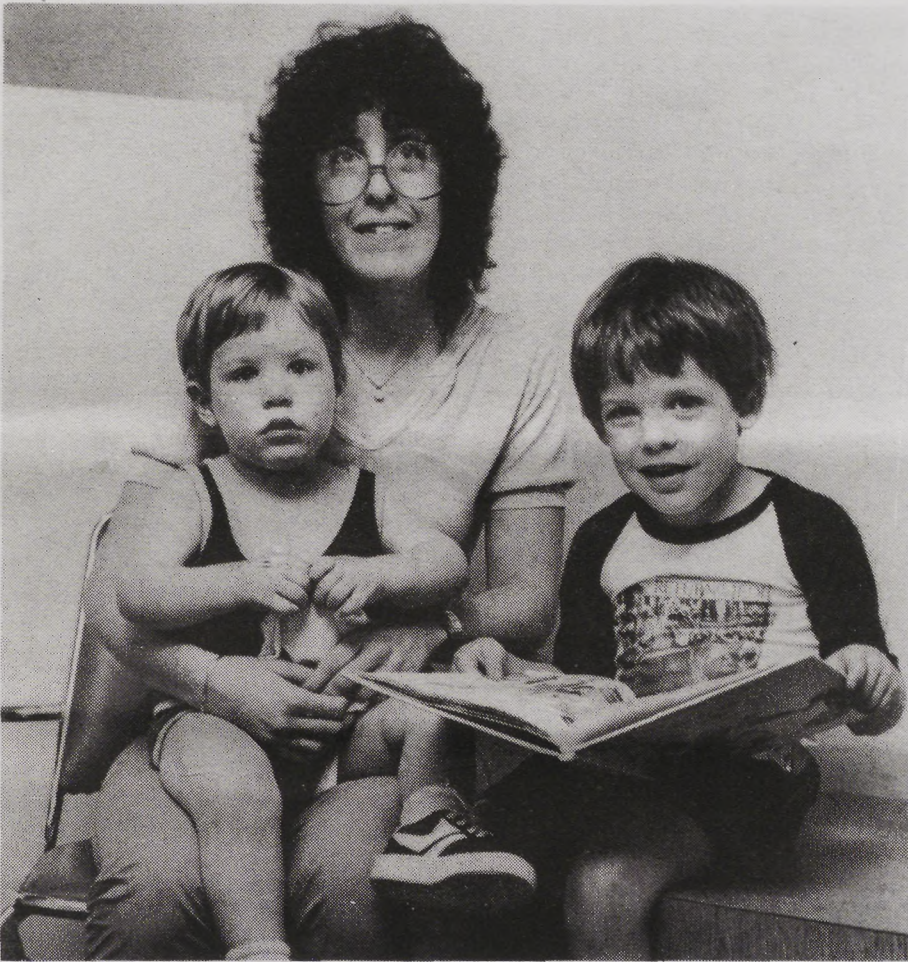
In addition, we will introduce computer lessons where, after completing the program, students will be able to sit in the terminal and work at the computer. Children will be taught two languages — Logo and Basic.

In the first week, we will introduce to the students the concepts, commands and application of symbols when programming. Most of our activities in computer class will be done using Basic, and will be addressed to solving Math problems.

Mr. Musilu  
Director



# Babyland Earns Parents' Approval



Jane Paul with Jarrod & Justin

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educationally at Babyland. He has been tested for Kindergarten in September, and did well. At night mother and son often sit and do "homework" together which brings them closer.

If a problem comes up, teachers are available for consultation, and Ms. Phyllis Rogers, the coordinator of day care has been helpful too. Ms. Salmon commented positively. This makes her feel very comfortable leaving Everoy in their care. She marvels at the patience of Ruth Darlington, his teacher, admitting that she has a weakness in this area herself.

His three years at Babyland have prepared Everoy well for the future.

Also looking to his child's future is James Chavious, even though his daughter Xiomara is only 20 months old. Even at that young age she knows Babyland and its caregivers all by name, since she was just 4 months old when she was first placed in their care. She also knows her classmates by name, and the routine of joining them each day is one she enjoys. Mr. Chavious describes his daughter as friendly and outgoing and not at all afraid of people, because of her life at Babyland, where many different people interact with her each day. "It's helped me a great deal because it's been a place to take her where I feel comfortable about it."

After dropping his wife Migdalia at the train for her journey to New York City, where she works, he heads for Babyland with Xiomara. Then he's off to Manhattan or Staten Island or Northern New Jersey attending to his own job as a salesman of dental and orthodontic products. His degree was a BS in accounting from the University of North Carolina, followed by two years of grad school, but he feels he has more flexibility and a

greater sense of freedom in his sales capacity.

Since he is not always nearby, the choice of a child care center for his daughter was a very serious consideration. He feels Babyland was a good choice. Babyland's role in their lives allows both parents to work.

"There's no question about it," he said sincerely, "it has been tremendous. I don't know what I would do at the moment without it. It has worked out great."

James singled out the structured learning process at Babyland for praise. He felt that if Xiomara was left with relatives this would be lacking.

Chavious has bought a home in Newark, selling one in Piscataway to move here. He admits "the town needs a lot of attention, but if everybody who has something to give it moves away, then it'll never do anything."

He is impressed by the things he sees going on in Newark — "The college (NJIT), the Public Service building — that's a sign of something," he stated emphatically. Then he saw New Community building Babyland, and now breaking ground up the street for the nursing home, "so you know there are things going on," he said. It gives him hope that eventually the town will turn around, "and attract people once again who have something to offer."

Mr. Chavious is pleased with Babyland, pleased with his home in Newark and hopeful for the future.

Another parent hopeful for the future is Lawrence E. Diamond, who as of June 3rd proudly possesses a law degree from Rutgers Newark Campus. He is now studying for his bar exam. The task of studying full time for that degree has been his "job" for the last 6 years, he told me thoughtfully.

When he and his wife moved here from New York City the August

before he began at Rutgers, they were thankful they had found a place to live, but his wife also had to work. His scholarship money would not pay for it all. Who would care for Dannielle, a year and a half old at the time.

Diamond has a deep faith, and when he heard about Babyland from friends, he put in his application. School began in three weeks. "I hope she gets in," he thought and put the decision in the hands of the Lord. "Then things went through and fell into place." "Praise the Lord," he said happily.

Now they have two daughters. Dannielle is a bubbling three year old and Monica at 15 months is her shadow. Both are at Babyland III.

Lawrence and Valerie were concerned about having the proper day care services because as he put it, "I'm at school doing what I have to do, and Valerie is at work, and we wanted our children to be taken care of properly."

Having both of the children together at Babyland made the Diamonds feel very comfortable, for despite the fact that he was in Law School they wanted to have their children born close together and have them grow up together. They are pleased when they see them playing together and staying together.

The fact that Babyland III is so close to Rutgers is a plus, Lawrence admits. "We feel very comfortable now that they're both here. We know the personnel, they know us, and they know the children, so it's sort of like an extended family type situation. It's not so much 'here I am leaving my child with strangers.' We all know each other." Diamond also mentioned appreciatively the ongoing communication afforded by the parent's meetings which are held by the staff. And most importantly, "they're learning too," he told us, liking in particular, "the way Dannielle has been developing her ABC's." Since both work, "law school is a job,"



Veronica Salmon with Everoy

they don't have as much time to sit down and teach the ABC's, and they know she's learning them at Babyland. "There's a comprehensive program addressed to the child," he went on, and this was another benefit.

Now that school for him is over, planning for the next phase of their lives is underway, and he is sure that just as it did with Babyland, everything will fall into place.

"I'm glad Babyland is in existence," said Diamond, and it is obvious many other people feel the same.

This is just a sampling of the reactions of parents to the Babyland program. The importance of attitude conveyed by the caregivers to the children and parents, permeates the narrative. It is this warm personal attention and responsible concern which makes all who enter its doors "feel comfortable" about Babyland.

We will always try to make it so.



Lawrence E. Diamond with Dannielle & Monica



## At Your (Social) Services

by Staff of NCC  
Social Services Department

For some, the month of June means graduation, for others it means weddings, but for the residents of New Community, the month of June always means the NCC Festival—and this year was no exception to the rule.

Beginning with the Fish Fry on Friday night, June 8th, and continuing until the last sounds of the Steel Band faded on Saturday evening, Festival '84 was filled with good food, good fun and good entertainment.

Each year, since its beginning in 1981, something new has been added. Each year it has become easier to do, and, each year as one spectator noted, "it gets better and better."

Festivities got under way at 5 p.m. on Friday night with an outstanding Fish Fry at NC Associates. The dinners were delicious, plentiful and "cheap at twice the price."

Beginning at 7 p.m. the "Music Under the Stars" concert began featuring The Impulse, Inc., back by popular demand. The latest addition to this exciting band, was the new lead singer who was a Michael Jackson look alike. When he made his entrance to begin the second half of the show you could hear the audience's response as far away as Jersey City.

On Saturday the activities got under way at noon with the Fourth

Annual NCC Parade. Adding to the excitement this year were the marching bands from Barringer High School and West Side High School. NCC Manor Families organized a float that was pulled by one of the latest additions to the NCC Maintenance Department fleet of trucks.

When the parade ended, the booths went into action, selling all kinds of delicious foods and drinks. This was enhanced by the music provided by an excellent steel band under the leadership of Cedric Thornball.

The activities for the youth included two basketball games which opened the season for the NCC Basketball League, a breakdance contest and a roller disco at the Newton Street School.

And so, as Saturday evening came, another NCC Festival had been enjoyed. It should be kept in mind, that although, as a community, we are constantly striving to build a better life for ourselves and our children, through economic growth and development, it is also our goal to develop a spirit of community. This is the reason why, every June, we come together at the Festival to celebrate our existence as a community of people who can live, work, and have fun together. See you next year!

## New Community Summer Youth Program Registration to Begin

Registration for the New Community Summer Youth Program will begin Monday, July 9th and end Friday, August 17th. Since there will be a limited number of slots available, applications will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. There will be a ten dollar fee per child assessed for the program. This fee will offset cost of the program and provide the youngsters with a shirt.

The program will consist of remedial tutoring in math and English, two meals a day, and daily trips to various beaches, museums, and national shrines. The program operating hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For further information contact Paul Reid or Sheila Washington, youth coordinators, at 623-6114.

Sheila Washington

### Letter to the Editor:

## Seniors Concerned About Our Youth

Dear Editor:

Recently President Reagan asked the youth of America to take jobs at a salary below the minimum wage. The President claimed that taking this cut in pay would make many, many more jobs available to the youth, thereby easing the unemployment among the young.

That this prevailing unemployment is a serious problem is not something that we are about to deny. To the contrary, we know only too well what a disturbing problem it certainly is.

However, we think that the President's solution is not the right way to go about tackling the problem. We believe that asking the youth to take a lower than minimum wage is a going back to those backward times when there was absolutely no protection for the working man. One of the first steps toward providing that protection was to establish the Minimum Wage Law and it is this that the President wants to put aside.

We therefore want to go on record as protesting the President's suggestion and hoping that he will rescind such a "Dark Ages" move.

Sincerely yours,  
Esther Smith  
265 Morris Avenue  
Newark, N.J. 07103

## NC Gardens Towers Sends Delegate to Senior Convention

The National Council of Senior Citizens Seventeenth Constitutional Convention met in Philadelphia at the Franklin Plaza Hotel on June 28, 29, and 30, 1984. Representing New Community Gardens Towers at the convention was Ms. Edna Gillian, sent as a delegate by its concerned residents.

This year's convention featured new workshops, such as the Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment, the growing threat to middle and lower-income Americans, the military buildup and how it affects social programs, as well as the major issues of Social Security, Supplemen-

tal Security Income, and Housing.

Exciting general sessions were held, as well as a rally to support health care, which was co-sponsored by Representative Claude Pepper. With Medicare under attack by the Reagan Administration and the Congress, the rally provided the NCSC delegates with an opportunity to express their support for the program and to voice their opposition to recommendations that have been made by the President's Medicare Advisory Council which would result in reduced health care coverage for the elderly.

## July Schedule of Family Activities\*\*

- 3rd Sewing Classes at Gardens Family Pavillion every other Tuesday.
- 4th Manor - Block Party (72 Hayes Street)
- 9th Manor mid-rise (72 Hayes St.) floor captains meeting at 4:00 p.m.
- 10th New Jersey Transit Speakers Forum - 7:30 p.m. Was rescheduled from last month due to inconvenience.
- 12th Exercise Class, every Thursday at 7:00 p.m., at Gardens Family Pavillion.

- 14th Arts and Crafts Class 1-3 p.m.
- 16th Theatre Club meeting at Gardens Family Pavillion 6:30 p.m. This group meets once per month. The purpose is to plan leisure activities and cultural enrichment.
- 27th Trip to see "Mama I Want To Sing" tickets \$18.00 per person.
- 30th Manor townhouses Block Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. in 72 Hayes St. Community Room.

\*\*Ceramics will take place each Friday at 180 So. Orange Avenue, 7:00 p.m. Classes are free.

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>** Let Us Stand Proudly

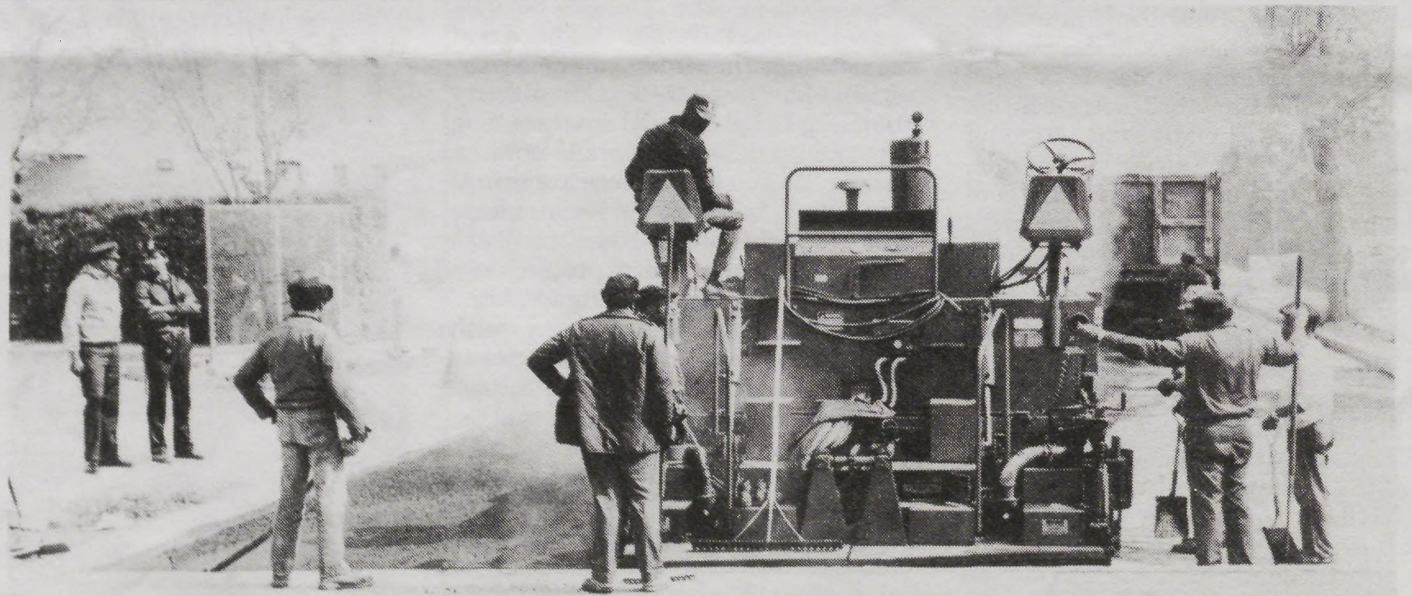
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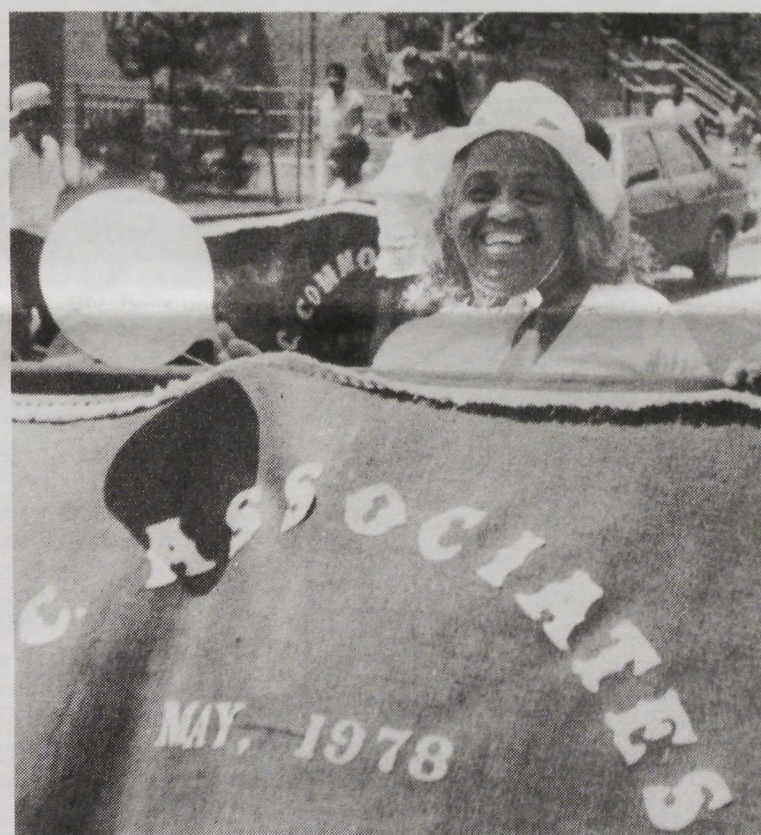
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**PARKING LOT PAVED.** Newly revamped parking lot in front of NC Homes, shown here being black topped, will improve the parking. By redesigning the area enough spaces will be created to almost double the capacity.



# FESTIVAL '84 PARADE ON REVIEW





## Tips On Health

This section will be devoted to questions and answers on health. Please mail your questions to the **New Community Clarion**, 755 South Orange Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07106.

When one mentions talcum powder, what usually comes to one's mind is a cuddly baby, soft and dry and smelling good. So to associate it with danger is hardly thinkable. After all, what American baby has



**Soledad Alston  
R.N.**

**Pediatric  
Nurse  
Practitioner**

not been brought up with talcum powder? It is indeed as American as apple pie.

Unfortunately, there actually have been infant deaths due to inhalation of talcum powder according to an article in the March/April,

1984 issue of **Pediatric Nursing** written by Timothy J. Wagner, R.N., M.S. and Michele Hindi-Alexander, PH.D.

Lest mothers start throwing away their talcum powder or stop buying the product, it should be emphasized that the danger lies only in accidental inhalation of large amounts of it. The particles actually clog the air sacs of the lungs, causing suffocation. Note carefully the word **accidental** because it is truly an accident that is easily prevented.

1. Keep it out of reach of small children. They may try to imitate mamma and powder their little sister or brother or themselves.

2. Do not shake the powder directly on the baby. Shake it into your hands and apply it to the baby. Do not create "smoke" by shaking the container vigorously.

In addition to its risks to children, talcum powder is a real hazard to anyone who has asthma. The particles when inhaled, regardless of the amount, could trigger an asthmatic attack.

## New Nurse Joins Health Care Center



**Ivor Carlisle R.N.**

The New Community Health Care Center is pleased to have Mrs. Ivor Carlisle attending to nursing duties.

Mrs. Carlisle, R.N., was born in Barbados in the West Indies and educated in England, where she attended nursing schools and gained her diploma as a Registered General Nurse, Registered Mental Nurse, and Midwife.

She came to Beth Israel Hospital as an Exchange nurse for two years. During that time she married a Newarker and joined him in Germany for three years. While in Germany she worked at an Air Force Base Hospital. She also gave birth to two sons.

Mrs. Carlisle returned to the United States and worked part-time at the Orthopedic Center for a year after which she moved to New York Hospital as Head Nurse in the Emergency Room.

After gaining her degree in Community Health Nursing she joined United Hospitals where she worked

## SKIN CONDITIONS HIT FEET

Submitted by Dr. K.L. Frank

*Almost any skin condition that affects the human body can occur on the feet.*

### Fungus of the Feet

Fungus is described as a vegetable cellular organism that lives on organic matter, i.e., the skin. Many of the fungi found on the skin do not cause any disturbance. About 80 different parasites have been isolated. Due to the many types, research to date has failed to find any one drug which will specifically destroy all the organisms on all skins.

The popular names of Athletes Foot, Ringworm and Jungle Rot are all fungus conditions. *Not all skin eruptions on the feet are Athletes Foot.* Another popular but false conception is that "acid in the system" causes the feet to break out.

Probably no other condition enjoys so many different commercial drug cures as Athletes Foot. Since it appears in such varied forms as cracking between the toes, scales, little water blisters, etc., it is often difficult to clear. The symptoms vary from a little discomfort and annoying itching to severe pain and disability. Should bacteria enter, serious infection may result.

An accurate diagnosis by the podiatrist may require such tests as cultures of the skin organisms. Then a program of care can be outlined to treat this persistent condition.

### Overtreatment Dermatitis

Often a skin condition can not be accurately diagnosed as all the signs have been obscured by home drug

for 10 years. During that time she was president of the union of the New Jersey Nursing Association. She was also Primary Nurse in the Out Patient Department. She then joined the New Community Health Care Center as patient care coordinator.

Mrs. Carlisle has many priorities in the field of nursing but Preventive Medicine is of particular interest to her, and she is hoping to reach out to all the residents of New Community by meeting each week with them, to both introduce herself and to assist with any health problems that may occur, on a nursing level.

treatment. Sometimes this is more disabling than the original condition. The acute symptoms caused by the drug must first be eliminated before specific therapy can be started.

### Neuro-Dermatitis

Nervousness commonly produces areas on the feet and lower legs that itch severely and then ooze from the scratching. Complete doctor-patient understanding and cooperation is necessary to aid this condition.

### Contact Allergies

In the manufacture of shoes many

**Dr. Kenneth  
Frank**

**Podiatrist**



materials are used. Some skins cannot tolerate some of these. Resins, glue, chemicals for tanning leather, etc., often produce severe reactions. Intense itching and considerable weeping is the skin's answer to the irritating foreign matter. Nylon hose cause some persons to complain of burning, itching and clammy sensations of the feet and legs.

### Dry and Sweaty Feet

Some skin is naturally dry. However, this is also seen in some diabetics and in the later years of life. Some skin is naturally moist and sweaty but this may also be due to emotional strain, a thyroid condition, poorly ventilated shoes or can be caused by mechanical foot strain and imbalance. Certain sweaty feet develop a foul odor. This is an unpleasant disease caused by bacteria which attack the sweat. Your family foot doctor can help you control this distressing condition.

### Plantar Warts

Plantar warts (also called Verruca and Papilloma) are not calluses but painful growths in the skin on the sole of the feet. These growths may be seen at any age but are more common in adolescents. The warts develop rapidly (within a few months). The cause of some is not known but recent studies have shown many of them to be virus in nature. If the verruca is not treated additional growths may appear. In a small percentage of cases they have a tendency to recur within a short period and must again be treated. Your podiatrist is well qualified to care for these painful areas and other skin lesions of the feet.

## Thank You From Battered Women's Shelter

Babyland's Essex County Shelter for Battered Women offers these women and their children a multiplicity of services. Some of these services include career workshops, ceramic classes, exercise and swimming sessions at the YWCA in East Orange, individual counselling and a comprehensive therapy program for the children.

There are many groups and individuals without whose contributions these services could not be provided. The Women's Guild of Community Congregational Church in Short Hills featured the Shelter at their Benevolence Sunday Program. The Junior League of Volunteer Workers in Montclair designates us as one of the recipients of their donations every month, asking us in advance what our specific needs are.

The Zonta Club of Newark has sent us many generous contributions including mittens and hats, mirrors, clothing and games. Betsy Morize has done a wonderful job organizing and collecting all these materials.

The Montclair Drifters bought us a much needed vacuum cleaner; St. Vinant's parish in Bayonne collected pillows, towels and plastic glasses. This list could go on endlessly and from time to time we will continue to thank contributors in this newspaper.

Let it suffice to say for now, how encouraging it is to the clients and staff at the Shelter to know that so many people are interested in the situations and the victims of domestic violence. Please continue to support us in our efforts to provide quality services to those in dire need.

Our present "WISH" list includes:

towels, various toiletries, sweatsuits (for the YWCA), cribs, a radio, pajamas and robes.

Once again thank you for all your generosity!

Sister Clare Elton  
Shelter Coordinator  
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**THE BETTER TO HEAR.** Audiologist conducting an audiological evaluation which is a painless procedure to determine whether there is a hearing problem.

## Hearing and the Older American

### Many Problems of Hearing Loss Can Be Helped

*This article is presented by United Hospitals Medical Center-Hearing and Speech Center in cooperation with New Community Health Care Center.*

"I hear the words, but I don't understand what you're saying."

The above is a common complaint of many older people when asked about their hearing. Although this may not seem possible to someone who has always had good hearing, it is a real problem. This is not a sign of senility; it may be a sign of a disorder called presbycusis.

Presbycusis is the correct name for a hearing loss that is caused by age. Most times, it is due to damage of the tiny cells in the inner ear. This can be caused by years of living in a noisy environment, as well as noise in the workplace.

Presbycusis may also be accompanied by a ringing or roaring in the ear, called tinnitus. Tinnitus can be loud or soft, permanent or temporary. Either way, it can be very annoying to those who suffer from it, and may be indicative of a medical problem.

If you are suffering from any of the above symptoms, there are certain steps which must be taken to help the problem.

Initially, you must be seen by an

Ear, Nose and Throat doctor, also known as an otolaryngologist. This is to insure that there is no medical reason for your hearing loss, such as fluid behind the ear drum or wax. Once the doctor is sure your ears are clear, he will send you to an audiologist, for an audiological evaluation (hearing test).

An audiologist is the person qualified to provide professional assistance to people with hearing problems. An audiologist will evaluate your problem and give you recommendations as to your next step. In some cases the sophisticated equipment used by the audiologist will pick up a medical problem which cannot be found by visual examination.

If the audiologist feels that your hearing loss is medical in nature, he or she will refer you back to your otolaryngologist, for treatment.

If the loss cannot be helped medically, a hearing aid may be the answer. This will be accomplished at a hearing aid evaluation. At a hearing aid evaluation, various aids will be tried and the best hearing aid for your loss will be prescribed.

Many people discard the idea of hearing aids, due to vanity. It should be noted that a hearing aid is much less conspicuous than a hearing loss. Some hearing aids are so small that they fit completely in the ear.

Visit an otolaryngologist, have an evaluation performed by an audiologist, and open yourself up to the care they have to offer you. Hearing loss can isolate a person from the world he lives in. Therefore the vital sense of hearing should be treasured and cared for. If it is lost, a whole world goes with it.

If you have any questions call the Hearing and Speech Center at United Hospitals Medical Center at 268-8140 or New Community Health Care Center at 623-2480.

## Letter to the Editor:

Our children, currently 2 and 4 years old, have been at Babyland Nursery since the 2 year old was 2 months and the 4 year old was 6 months. A long time! Long enough for the mother and father to go through any of a number of life's experiences and still know there was a constant for the little ones — Babyland Nursery. The only thing we had to do was pay a fee and bring Pampers and changes of clothes. Babyland Nursery did all the rest — Food, Love, Patience, Care, Discipline, Education of parent and child, etc., etc.

No one can believe how valuable an institution like Babyland Nursery is until they are confronted, if ever, with wanting the "right" atmosphere for their children. We all know many parents don't care about **quality** care as long as someone will take care of their little charges. If you care, Babyland and maybe others — few I'm sure, are like a rock in consistency of purpose.

Whether you choose to believe it or not (we, the parents have lived it), Babyland Nursery has been there to braid our daughter's hair because the mother was sick, on military duty and this list goes on over many years.

Thank you **WORLD** for having this particular Nursery that not only addresses the needs of working parents with very young children such as ourselves — but after all is said and done, leads to a private school — St. Rose of Lima — to continue that miracle of constant **LOVE** of our children.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank people at Babyland III. A special thanks to Virginia Jenkins and Jo Ann Chaneyfield Nassiruddin.

Yvonne and Willis McCray  
(parents-Babyland III)

## Cathedral Show a Hit

We're pleased to report that a member of the NCC Family Advisory Board, Ms. Ann Brown, who is a resident of New Community Homes, attended a Jazz Concert recently that was sponsored by the Sacred Heart Cathedral as a part of their concert series. Tickets for this show were donated through the Cathedral. The show starred jazz artist Dr. Billy Taylor and his trio with the Cathedral Concert Orchestra, featuring Dr. Taylor's original compositions. Ms. Brown stated that she enjoyed the show immensely.

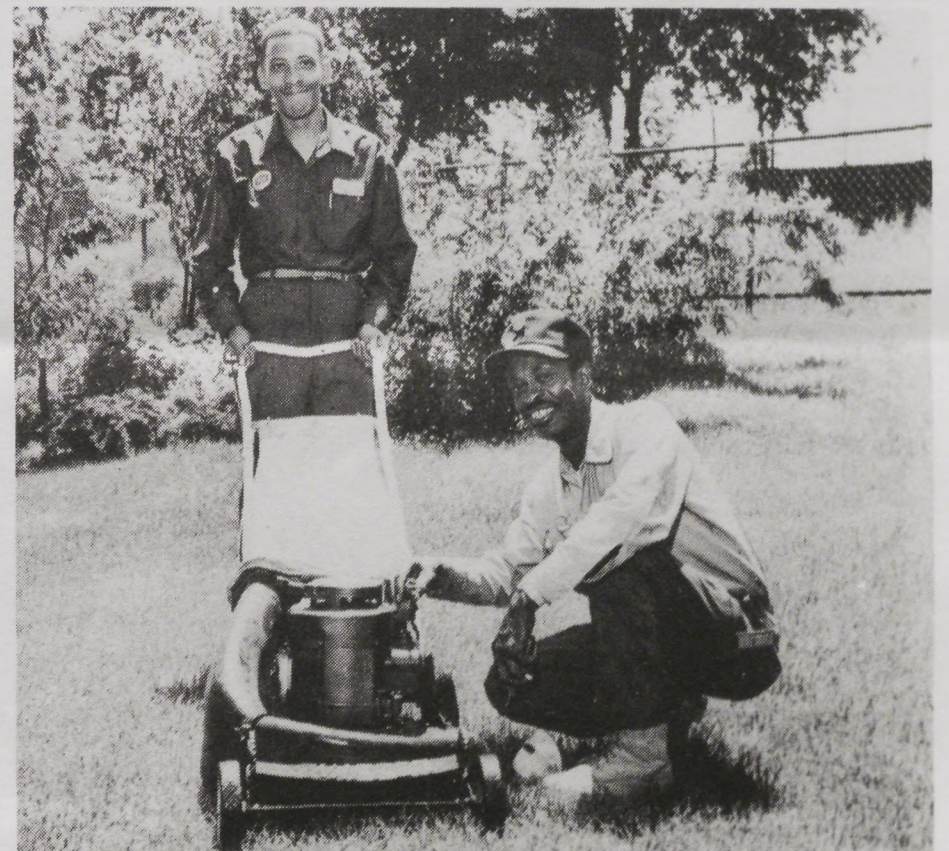
The Cathedral Concert Series, staged in one of America's most magnificent Cathedrals, is a unique blend of performing arts magic. Each year, noted artists and performing groups are brought to Newark to provide cultural enrichment through a delightful French Gothic grandeur experience.

We encourage others who would like to broaden their cultural horizon to attend in the future.

Virginia Scott

## Babyland II

During the month of June the Protective Services Program facilitated a voter registration drive. As a result 15 parents between the ages of 18 to 45 became registered voters for the first time. They eagerly anticipated voting in that month's primary election. Since the response was overwhelming the PRS office will continue to assist those interested with registration. A sincere thank you to Jim Scarborough of the West Ward councilman's office, who acted as a liaison person by providing assistance with the procedure.



**KEEPING THINGS IN SHIP SHAPE.** Kim Wilcher, maintenance man at NC Gardens Towers is assisted by Superintendent Lavern Page as they check out lawnmower before starting to give the lawn its regular trim to keep the area looking beautiful.

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## Roseville Report

June 14, 1984, N.C. Roseville's Good Neighbor Club sponsored their first Everybodys Birthday Party. All the tenants of NC Roseville were invited to celebrate their birthdays at this one big event.

The party was a great success, with ice cream, cake and punch supplied and served by club members. The Good Neighbor Club officers were mainly responsible for the party's success, namely, President Mary Clements, Vice-President Mrs. Mary M. Mickens, Secretary Irene Jackson, Treasurer Mrs. Illa Barnes, Recording Secretary Mrs. Annie Nicklow.

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Thanks to the Newark Department

of Recreation and Parks and Illa Barnes, May 31st was somewhat of a Jazzy day. Roseville welcomed "Chink Wing and Parker." This well experienced Jazz Trio and vocalist Eugene Goldston, treated a pleased Roseville audience to many of the old tunes, causing one to reminisce about days gone by. Also the concert was begun with "If Only" an original by Chink Wing himself.

The popular Newark group will be playing a series of shows at various senior complexes around the city this summer. Look out for "Chink Wing and Parker," and enjoy the sounds.

R. Steve Perkins



**CELEBRATING EVERYONES BIRTHDAY.** Helping to get the celebration underway, standing in rear, left to right, reading a BIG birthday card are, Illa Barnes president of 1 South 8th St. Club with Phyllis Williams and Mary Clements president of the "Good Neighbor Club" and Mary M. Mickens, secretary. Seated in front are some of the recipients.



**CHECKERS ANYONE...?** Enjoying one of the biggest pastimes at NC Roseville are the men who play checkers each day. Showing them how it's done is the "Champ" John Roberts Jr. Looking on are Henry Byrd, Richard Holmes, Melvin Davis, Joseph William and making his move is Frank Allen. The "Master," John Roberts, issued a challenge to anyone anyplace anytime—contact him at NC Roseville.

## Young People Foil Crime

Alert New Community youngsters delivered one mugging suspect into the hands of New Community Security recently. A second was apprehended later as a result of information furnished by the first.

The children observed a purse-snatching in progress as a visitor to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey was waiting outside the hospital for a homebound bus after visiting her husband.

Unfortunately for the muggers, they ran across South Orange Avenue into New Community and this sent the neighborhood kids into action. The young people knew where to find Officer Dwayne Freeman, as he had just pulled into NC Associates parking lot to sign out for the day at the main security office across the street. They quickly alerted him to the situation.

Freeman saw the crowd running and chasing the suspects and heard the young people yell to him "She just snatched a lady's pocketbook." Although Freeman should have been going off duty, he hopped into his Bronco, alerted the main security base and pursued the suspects, catching one and eventually delivering her to the Newark Police Department.

He had high praise for the youngsters and their quick action.

Being a community-based security organization was certainly an advan-



**Dwayne Freeman**

tage in this case. The security officers have the confidence of neighborhood residents and they feel free to tell the officers what's happening.

The young people also have respect for what is right and what is wrong, and acted promptly to remedy a wrong.

Both the kids and Officer Freeman are to be congratulated for a job well done.

## The Right to Vote

### — A Struggle in Newark

The voting turnout for the Newton Street School Poll reflected a determination of the voters in the 20th district to be counted. However, the right to vote in this election tested both will power and patience.

Throughout the day, the waiting period to vote was from 45 minutes to an hour and a half. It can not be determined whether this was a direct result of the voter registration books not being delivered until 9:30 a.m., when the polls were officially supposed to open at 7 a.m., or the result of voters who usually vote at Camden Middle School voting at Newark Street School which only had one voting booth. The late delivery of the books in itself denied many hard working citizens their right to vote.

At midday the single voting machine broke down and was out of order for an hour. This just added to the general chaotic situation for the day. It was also noted that the persons handling the voting books were very inexperienced.

The State Attorney General's office was called twice, at 5 p.m. and again at 7 p.m. and told of the situation, which was felt to be created rather than something which just happened, yet they did nothing.

The final fiasco took place after the 8:00 p.m. cutoff time when there were at least 150 people still on line waiting to vote as the doors were closed. It took 3 hours to process these voters. The final vote was not cast until 11 p.m. This might seem unreasonable enough, but these would-be voters would have been there much longer than that had not

Ms. Frances Dudley, a tenant of New Community Gardens Family come to cast her vote. When Ms. Dudley arrived at the end of the evening after working at the Summit Street Polls, she felt there was an unusual amount of confusion at the table where the voter registration books were stationed. Ms. Dudley offered her assistance and was told that she was not certified to work at the Polling Place. At 7:30 p.m., Ms. Dudley went to the Hall of Records and got the certification she needed to work at Newton Street Polls. Ms. Dudley returned and proceeded in an efficient and speedy manner to move the voter lines. It is believed that her efforts were directly responsible for the last vote finally being cast at 11 p.m. Without her, it cannot be determined *how long* the wait would have been for the voters.

In spite of a record turnout for the district, there were many questions raised. Why didn't the books arrive until 9:30 a.m.; the person delivering the books stated he didn't know what time they had to be delivered. This leads to the comment regarding the inexperience of persons chosen by the Board of Elections. Also, the non-response of the State Attorney General's office when called and apprised of the situation leads to a question of their duty to respond to the situation.

There is one thing that can be learned from this experience. You have the right to vote, but sometimes you have to withstand some obstacles to exercise this right.

Charman Harvey



## NC Manor Sewing Class



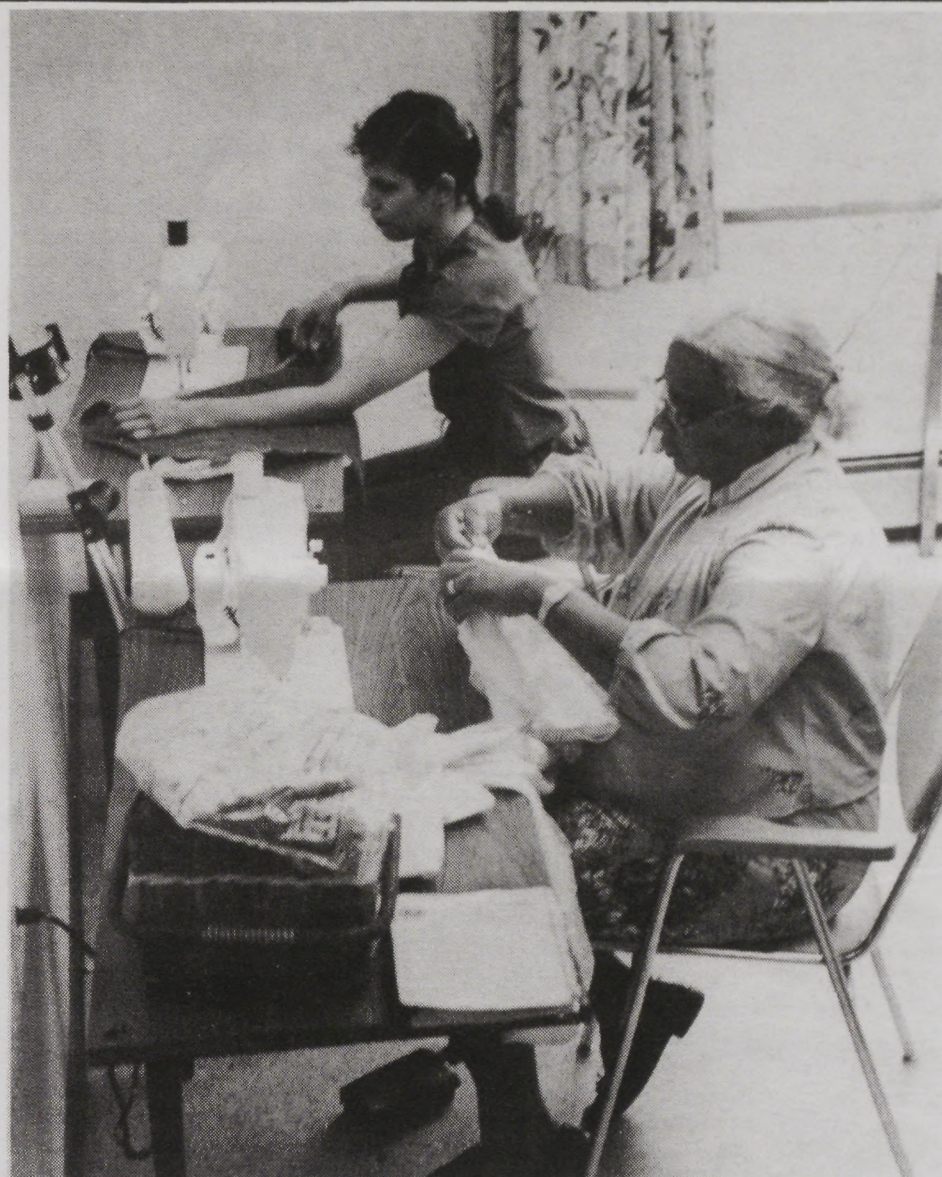
The sewing class is proving to possess real talent. Two ladies finished their garments in time to model them in NC Manor's Fashion Show. They were Mrs. Margaret Phillips and Mrs. Ernestine Rouse.

Mrs. Porthenia Jones made her very first piece ever in all her 70 plus years: a beautiful new dress with stock tie neck. "The only sewing I did before was fixing my husband's zippers and turning down collars," she revealed.

Sewing is also good exercise and a test of patience and will power. "Will I get this needle threaded in one try or four," are words often heard at the head of the sewing machines. Mildred Logan is using this class as a refresher course to build back the mastery she had before her brain operation several years ago. Her determination and courage is wonderful and she has finished a lovely striped 2-piece matching top and skirt.

The offspring of the sewing class is the newly formed low cost alterations service, doing such repairs as sewing hems, replacing zippers and buttons and other things people either hate to do or can't do for themselves.

New members are coming each week.



## NC Commons Senior

### 140 Club

Installation of officers for 1984-1985 of the 140 Club commenced on May 7th. Elected officers are: Mrs. Marian Simpson, President; Mr. Philip Hopper, Vice-President; Ms. Viola Walker, Recording Secretary; Ms. Ruby Dawson, Corresponding Secretary; Ms. Harriet Lewis, Treasurer; Ms. Georgiana Brown, Recording Financial Secretary; Mr. J.W. Jones, Chaplain; and Mr. Ralph Simpson, Sergeant-at-arms. Commons Seniors 140 Club has three golden years of service to its members and residents. This spring the club members and residents enjoyed a trip to Atlantic City and a play in New York entitled "Mama I Want To Sing."

### 140 Mens Club

The Community Room of Commons Seniors is buzzing with activities

planned by the Mens Club. The coffee hour begins between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Breakfast is also served. Diligent, dedicated men and ladies have made this project possible. Dinners are served every Friday and Saturday. Mr. Ralph Simpson, President, Mr. Barfield, Vice-President, Mr. Williams, Mr. Pitts and others, plus the ladies, are making life easier and happier for residents and others.

### 140 Arts & Crafts

Ms. Julia James, instructor of the Arts and Crafts classes is preparing new work for her classes which are held every Monday and Friday afternoon. On May 7th, Ms. James and her class celebrated this past year's togetherness with a delicious dinner of meats, salads, cake and coffee. During this festive celebration, several

persons were honored with items made by the club: Ms. Newsome and Ms. Scott of Social Services, Ms. Marian Simpson, and Ms. Carrie Rose for donations and services to the club.

On behalf of our Director of Social Services, Mr. Gannon, a gift was given to Mrs. Gannon.

On June 9th, the Arts & Crafts Class represented Commons Seniors at the NCC Festival. All clubs and residents donated cakes, pies, salads, punch, melon and other items to be sold. A special thanks to the men of 140 for their help.

### 140 Gospel Choir

The Gospel Choir celebrated its 2nd Anniversary on May 18th in the community room. Mrs. Zera Brown, Director, and Ms. Beulah Sandifer, President, welcomed the guests,

visiting ministers and choirs. A special Blessing was offered in the dedication of the choirs new dresses and the attire of Mr. Moses. Reverend Bing, a resident of 140, will always be remembered by the choir and the audience for his spiritual uplifting of all participants and visitors. The choir was Blessed.

### 140 News Notes

Breakfast is served every morning. The Coffee Hour is held every morning Monday through Friday.

Dinners are served Friday and Saturdays.

Watch the garden grow at Commons Seniors.

Transit of New Jersey is reinstituting requirements of ID and the green ½ fare ticket to ride the bus. Be ready if questioned-ID is asked for.

Ruby Dawson



**CELEBRATING THEIR SECOND ANNIVERSARY.** The 140 choir sits for their anniversary photo before doing their thing at recent party held in the recreation room. Standing left to right, Zeddie Fludd, Alice Hicks, Betty Anthony, Carrie Hardy, Ann Williams, Julius Moses, Ruth Proctor, Ruby Dawson, Bessie Ward, & Henrietta Burns (organist). Seated in front row are, Mamie Boddie, Rosa Rivers, Rose Sykes, Beulah Sandifer, Zera Brown and Martha Buggs.

## 140 Celebrates Second Anniversary

On Friday, May 18th, 1984, the 140 Gospel Chorus celebrated their 2nd anniversary. Under the very capable leadership of Ms. Zera Brown music coordinator and the very gifted organist, Ms. Henrietta Burns, the fifteen member choir rang out melodious gospel songs on their big night. Their lovely new "mint green" uniforms were dedicated by Rev. Robert Bing, who is also a resident of N.C. Commons Seniors.

Special Honorary Guests included the 180 Inspirational Gospel Chorus and the Senior Choir of St. Paul's U.F.B. Church of Newark.

This affair was truly one that will be long remembered by all who attended.



## Lead Us Not Into Temptation

There is no life, however protected, that is not, at some time, exposed to the sirens of temptation. The pupils may be tempted to miss school. The merchant may be tempted to cheat. The neighbor may be tempted to display anger. The acquaintance may be tempted to lie. The teenager may be tempted to indulge in sexual relations. The wife may be tempted to utter the unkind word and the husband may be tempted to commit wife abuse. The child may be tempted to emulate the world about him without a good set of moral values to use as criterion by which to judge what is really right and what is really wrong to aid him in making competent decisions. The citizen may be tempted to enjoy the comfort of his bar, tavern, or house rather than exert himself a little to register and to vote.

Have you ever noticed that no one is ever tempted to do something good? Always when you think of 'temptation' it is something bad. No one is tempted to help the needy, visit the sick, go to school and talk with their children's teacher to see how the children are doing. No one is tempted to go to church on Sunday mornings, or to the tenants' meetings, or to the city council meetings. Always, seemingly, people are not tempted to do something good, but something wrong. King David was tempted on seeing naked Bathsheba. Eve was tempted by the serpent, and Adam was tempted by Eve.

Now, it is one thing to be tempted, and quite another thing to succumb to that temptation. To yield carries with it a price to be paid. When one's mind is fixed on a high set of moral values, temptation does not present itself so alluringly nor to so appealing and strong a degree, thus one is more easily able to avoid transgression.

Satan showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and told Him he would give all of these to Him if He would worship, him, Satan. But Jesus said, 'No,' that He would wor-

ship and serve only the Lord, No procrastination! No deliberation! The religious values were already set. The decision came immediately, without hesitation.

Where people are morally weak and lack a good set of moral values, they tend to rationalize — try to make doing wrong appear right. This accounts, to some measure, why we live in an amoral society today. Too frequent, the excuse is given, that others are doing it so it must be all right. Thus, sex has become free and permissive, reliance on dope widespread, crime an instant and perpetuating travail for material acquisition and savage satiation; profanity a communal code of communication, and sin gnawing away at the very core of our family and neighborhood lives like a malignant cancer.

The temptation of 'something for nothing' is real. Prisons and jails abound with draconian practitioners of this spurious veneration.

It is not easy to resist 'temptation.' Sometimes one may have to pay for resisting temptation. Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife and refused to become a partner in adultery, was falsely accused, and thrown into jail. Later, this slave boy came out of prison to become a prince and master over the land of Egypt. God had not forgotten Joseph, and ultimately he was rewarded.

There may be times when you have to say 'no' to your peers, your friends, and resist temptation. You may be called names, ridiculed and put down but that does not matter when you have the courage of your convictions and a strong mind. To say 'no' and resist temptation may: help others influenced by you; deter you from a life of crime and incarceration; help you to avoid drug dependency; prevent untimely pregnancy; save your life; and bring joy to you instead of sorrow.

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## St. Rose Commencement Held

June 10, 1984 marked the 87th commencement exercise at St. Rose of Lima School, Newark.

It was indeed a memorable day for the 8th grade graduates, and for Mr. Arthur L. Wilson, their principal. Mr. Wilson has watched this particular class progress scholastically for their entire school life, as he came to the school just nine years ago.

The choir, directed by Mrs. Emily Ross and accompanied by pianist Curtis Watkins, sang the hymn "We've Come This Far By Faith," as the graduates in red and white gowns marched down the aisle of St. Rose Church, led by the school staff. Rev. William J. Linder, pastor of St. Rose, celebrated the Mass.

In his homily Fr. Linder encouraged the young graduates to keep up their good works and to cherish their goals to the best of their God given ability.

The event was highlighted by the keynote speech of Mr. Bryan Blaney who was introduced by Angela Knox, class salutatorian. His presence was a delight for Mr. Wilson since Mr. Blaney had been salutatorian at St. Rose nine years ago at the first graduation Mr. Wilson presided over as principal.

Mr. Blaney was a shining example to all present that success lies beyond one's efforts. He attained his bachelor degree at Yale University and this September will enter Harvard to pursue a degree in law. All at St. Rose are very proud of his accomplishments.

Roger Tatum, the class valedictorian delivered an impressive speech which revolved around the class motto: Beyond effort lies success. He strongly emphasized the love of God, high ideals, and knowledge imparted to all at St. Rose, and expressed a heartfelt gratitude to all their teachers. Addressing the parents, he thanked them for their unselfish love, care, and concern for their children's welfare.

As the graduates got up for the class song, the class president, Albert McBride, turned over the class banner to Shannon Pulley, the junior class president. The ceremonies ended with the hymn: "Jesus Is The Answer."

Deserving students granted special awards were as follows:

First Honors: Brian Harris, Kelsey Levant, Riarkas Peacock, Towanna Rimpson

Religion: Raul Challero

History: Albert McBride

Music: Cheryl Baldwin, Sharonda Dails, Rolando Baugh, Lashelle Morman

Attendance: Alfred German, Kelsey Levant, Towanna Rimpson, Jason Williams

Apostolic Service: Cheryl Baldwin

Good Conduct: Rolando Baugh, Vanessa Clark

Citizenship: Lourdes Lopez, Lashelle Morman

Effort: Calandra Edmond

Outstanding Merit: Livingston Cross, Sharonda Dails

## Certificate of Appreciation Received

In a letter received by New Community Corporation on June 14, 1984, Sister Anastasia of the NC Social Services department received a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Health Screening Council for her work on the recent Health Fair. The certificate was signed by members of Congress and read as follows:

"In recognition of your support

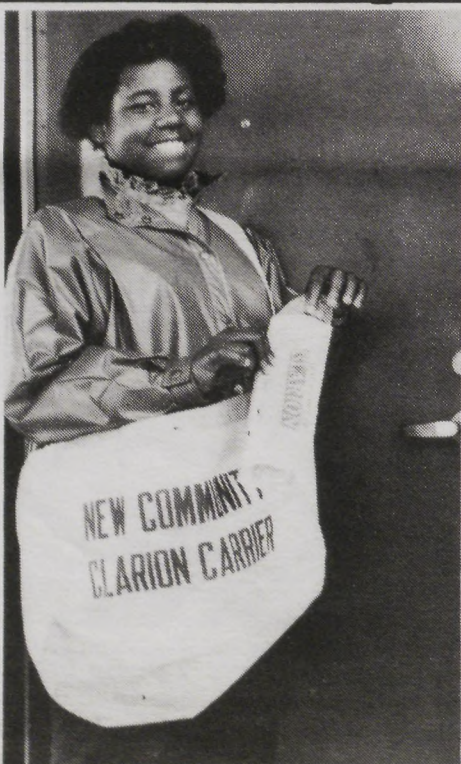
of the Health Fair Program, we wish to extend our appreciation for your contribution of time, resources and energy which have made possible the largest health promotion and health screening services in your community."

We are proud that New Community could be a part of this vital service to its neighbors.

## Clarion Carriers Spread the News Around

The NCC Clarion Carriers are a group of extremely hard working and dedicated youngsters that serve as the vehicle by which New Community and its networking affiliates, Babyland Nursery and St. Rose of Lima, receive the Clarion, various forms of flyers, and other pieces of literature.

The New Community Clarion Carriers are thirteen youngsters ages 8-15 that are part of a very cost effective yet extremely efficient delivery system. Since the inception of the NCC Clarion, the distribution of the paper has mushroomed to a circulation of over 5,000 which includes a mailing list of over 1500. The NCC Clarion Carriers, under the supervision of Miss Sheila Washington and Paul Reid, help sort and deliver the Clarions that go to the various family and senior citizens developments in and around New Community. In addition to this, if there is a need to insert flyers into the Clarions, they also perform



Sophia Davis, Clarion Carrier

that task. The Clarion Carriers' job is an extremely important one, and without them the task of getting the NCC Clarion out as quickly and as efficiently as they do, would take days instead of hours.

The New Community Clarion Carriers are very knowledgeable as to the location of all NCC buildings within their distribution area, as well as the community at large, in the event that a member cannot carry out his/her assigned duties. The family developments are comprised of Commons, Homes, Gardens and Manor (mid-rise and townhouses), in addition to our senior locations. These buildings are spread out over a 45-acre area and consist of 1,382 units of housing in addition to the 750 units of housing at Douglass-Harrison. Thus you can envision the amount of work involved in the distribution and delivery of the Clarion. But just who are these carriers and why do they volunteer to perform this vital function?

The NCC Clarion Carriers are Felicia Jones, Kevin White, Sophia Davis, Shelly Sims, Keith Thomas, Charlene Harper, Jamon Reid, Kelly McKenneth, Twanna Brewer, Tina Gardner, Cherisse Thomas, Carmen Gonzales, and Apryl Butler. The reason why many of these youngsters are members of the NCC Clarion Carriers is because it gives them a sense of self worth and community pride as well as a chance to develop some positive work habits. The carriers are given a small fee, a carrier bag, and shortly they will be receiving shirts and hats. A picnic and a trip to a local theme park or attraction of their choice is being planned. If any youngsters are interested in becoming NCC Clarion Carriers, please feel free to contact Sheila Washington at NCC Social Services located at 220 Bruce Street, or call 623-6114. Again, I would like to thank all the NCC Clarion Carriers for a job well done!

Keep up the good work!